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Main Road No. 4 from Sofia to Stalin

- Beyond Yablanitsa (N 43-02, E 24-06) and starting at a point 104.5 kilometers from Sofia and up to a point about 110 kilometers from Sofia, a new section of road is being built in a straight line in order to eliminate numerous curves. A masonry bridge in the form of an arch over a stream is almost completed.
- At the western exit of Turnovo, and for a distance of approximately three kilometers, the road has been realigned to avoid a large number of curves and now runs on level ground. Between Kolarovgrad and Stalin shrubbery on both sides of the road has been planted at regular intervals which indicates that the width of the road will probably not be increased. The road is six meters wide for most part, but very often and particularly in the mountains, the width decreases to four meters. In addition to repair work previously reported, the road is being strengthened at different points, but continues to be of mediocre quality.
- Although automobile traffic is almost non-existent, one cannot exceed 50 kilometers an hour due to the poor condition of the road.

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Main Road No. 5 from Sofia to Kazanluk

- Extensive roadwork has been carried out in the section between 70 and 85 kilometers from Sofia. The road is very vulnerable to attack between the 97th and 102nd kilometers from Sofia. Through the mountainous sections, the road narrows due to landslides to a width of three meters. A weak, wooden-planked bridge could easily be blown up. An average speed of only 45 kilometers per hour could be attained between Sofia and Kazanluk.

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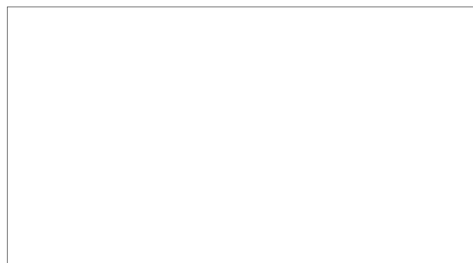
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New Main Road No. 8 between Ruse and Byala



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5. The paved road between Ruse and Byala is now finished and is in good condition. It is eight meters wide and has a white line running along its center.



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